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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method performed by a portable playback device comprises receiving, via the portable playback device, a power activation indication. In response to receiving the power activation indication, power is supplied to at least one exterior visual indicator disposed on an outward-facing portion of an earcup of the portable playback device via a first power supply path of the portable playback device. A microphone activation indication associated with at least one microphone of the portable playback device is received. In response to receiving the microphone activation indication, microphone circuitry associated with the at least one microphone activated. An interior visual indicator disposed within a user-facing surface of the earcup of the portable playback device is illuminated. The interior visual indicator is positioned such that when the portable playback device is worn by a user, a state of the microphone status visual indicator is concealed. And when the portable playback device is not worn by the user, a state of the microphone status visual indicator is visible.

